

HOUSE No. 2142

By Ms. Grant of Beverly, petition of Mary E. Grant, Michael E. Festa, William C. Galvin, Anthony J. Verga and others relative to handicapped parking restriction. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Michael E. Festa	Ruth B. Balser
William C. Galvin	Thomas P. Kennedy
Anthony J. Verga	Geoffrey D. Hall
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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO HANDICAP PARKING RESTRICTIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Clause (23) of section 21 of chapter 40 of the
2 General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby
3 amended by striking out the paragraph (b) and inserting in place
4 thereof the following paragraph:—
5 Parking spaces designated as reserved under the provisions of
6 paragraph (a) shall be identified by the use of above grade signs
7 with white lettering against a blue background and shall bear the
8 words “Handicapped Parking: Special Plate Required. Unautho-
9 rized Vehicles May be Removed at Owner’s Expense”; shall be as
10 near as possible to a building entrance or walkway; shall be adja-
11 cent to curb ramps or other unobstructed methods permitting side-
12 walk access to a handicapped person; and shall be at least eight
13 feet wide, in addition to the cross hatched access aisle as defined

14 by the Architectural access board established by section 13A of
15 Chapter 22. The cross hatched access aisle abutting a handi-
16 capped parking space shall, for the purpose of this section, be con-
17 sidered part of the handicapped parking space or spaces which it
18 abuts, as the purpose of the aforementioned cross hatch access
19 aisle is to allow individuals who use wheelchairs and other
20 mobility aids sufficient space to enter and disembark from their
21 vehicles. Under no circumstances shall it be considered a separate
22 parking space, and it shall be illegal for a person to park any
23 vehicle in the cross hatch area.

1 SECTION 2. Clause (24) of said section 21 of chapter 40, as so
2 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence
3 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— For pro-
4 hibiting or regulating the standing or leaving of vehicles unat-
5 tended within parking spaces designated as reserved for vehicles
6 owned and operated by disabled veterans or handicapped persons
7 and within certain other areas.